

before us. But we must not be in too great a hurry in coming to a decision. We must be very slow in accepting new positions till we have heard what can be said in favour of the old. We must have our candour and boldness tempered by reverence for the book we are dealing with, by modesty and caution in judging of evidence, by honest desire not to disturb without cause the treasured convictions of others.

And we must be willing to give other men credit for being as honest as ourselves, and for caring as much for their God and their Bible. There must be no more of this uncharitable doubting of a man's personal piety and honesty of purpose merely because he argues that Moses did not write the whole of the Pentateuch or that the human element in Scripture is larger than we will admit.

And, finally, there must be more faith in God and truth, and in the free workings of the Holy Spirit; and also, there must be more prayerful study of the Bible. The more a man "enters into the secret" of the Bible, the more convinced he will be of its Divine light and power, and the more certain that any critical theory inconsistent with its inspiration must be false. It is a poor, pitiful thing, this constant fright and uneasiness of good people about the foundations of the kingdom of God whenever some new fact comes